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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Adds law enforcement officers as a possible victim of the crime of threatening a public official and provides that the crime includes threats made through social media.

Present law defines the crime of threatening a public official as any verbal or written communication which threatens serious bodily injury or death to a public official.

Present law provides that whoever commits the crime of threatening a public official shall be fined not more than \$500, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

Present law further provides that these penalties shall apply when the person commits the crime of threatening a public official with the intent to influence his conduct in relation to his position, employment, or official duty, or in retaliation as reprisal for his previous action in relation to his position, employment, or official duty.

Present law defines "public official" is defined as any executive, ministerial, administrative, judicial, or legislative officer of the state of La.

Proposed law retains present law and amends the crime to apply to threats made to law enforcement and further provides that the crime of threatening a public official includes threats made through social media.

(Amends R.S. 14:122.2)